GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
WATER RESOURCES
LOK SABHA

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INDO NEPAL TALKS ON DAMS
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the multi-purpose Saptkoshi Highdam, Kamla and Bagmati dams have been forwarded by the State Government of Bihar to the Union Government for approval;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith the decision taken by the Government thereon; and

(c) the time by which these projects are likely to be accorded approval?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SMT. BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY)

(a) to (c) The Government of Bihar had submitted project reports for Kamla and Bagmati Projects to UnionGovernment in 1983, salient features of which were sent to the Government of Nepal in 1985. A feasibility report for Sapt Kosi High Dam Porject was prepared by the Central Water Commission in 1981.
Both the Governments of Nepal and India have decided to take upfield surveys and investigations to prepare a joint detailed project report of Sapt Kosi-Sun Kosi Multipurpose Project based on an agreed inception report of the project. Further progress of preparation of detailed project report of Sapt Kosi High Dam project will depend on the outcome of the deliberations of the subsequent meetings of the Indo-Nepal JointTeam of Experts. Responseof Government of Nepal on Kamla & Bagmati Projectsfor the present is not encouraging.